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# Ottawa cops want more Tasers

Ottawa police Sgt. Paul Mcintyre demonstrates the use of the X26 Taser at Ottawa police headquarters. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

**OPS.** Following provincial OK for expanded use, local force wants to train 300 more officers

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Ottawa's police force wasted no time Tuesday in voicing its support of the province's call for the wider use of Tasers in municipal police work in the wake of July's fatal shooting of Sammy Yatim on a Toronto streetcar.

"It's not a tool we use often," said Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau of the weapon, adding police pull the weapon's trigger 18 times a year on average. "But when we do use it, it has proven to be very effective," he said.

Ontario's Community Safety Minister Madeleine Meilleur announced Tuesday all front-line officers can carry the weapon after a year-long use-of-force review by the province.

"Having access to the Taser is yet another option on their tool belt that they can hopefully quickly use to de-escalate a situation and resolve it safely for everyone," Bordeleau said. He said he hopes to train 300 frontline officers in the weapon's use to add to the 200 who already carry it.

At present only tactical teams or supervisors carry the conductive energy weapons. Other officers call in when they think a Taser could be useful.

Each unit costs just under $2,000, so equipping more officers will have costs, Bordeleau said. A report on the issue by the local force to be presented at city hall this fall will determine how many units should be purchased. The police-services board will then get to say yay or nay. Ontario stopped short of providing funding for the devices or training.

Ottawa Police Association president Matt Skoff said he believes Tasers reduce the amount of force police need to use in situations where someone poses a danger to themselves or others. Police will need to record every time they use the device, he said.

Still, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association warned Tasers are not the answer to de-escalating situations.

"There have been recent reports of abusive Taser use, Taser-related injuries and death in Ontario," said CCLA spokesman Peter Goffin in a news release. Training investments for crisis response teams would be a better use of funds, he urged.

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10- to 12-foot drop

## Worker dies after falling at National Art Gallery garage

A 50-year-old man died after a 10- to 12-foot fall while doing routine maintenance work at the National Art Gallery's parking garage Tuesday.

Paramedics responded to a call for an unconscious man at the gallery around 10:21 a.m. The man fell from a cement wall and suffered significant head injuries, paramedics said.

"The injuries were so severe that resuscitation efforts were futile," the paramedic service said in a news release. The Ministry of Labour is investigating the incident. METRO

Navan on Aug. 11

## Police still looking for driver in fatal hit-and-run case

People have sent in many tips to police about a hit-and-run that killed a 30-year-old man on Frank Kenny Road in Navan Aug. 11, investigators say, but so far they haven't found the driver. Police appealed to the public for more information Tuesday, saying they were investigating several possibilities, including that the driver may be unaware a person was struck.

The collision happened between 5 and 5:30 a.m. as the man walked along the stretch of Frank Kenny Road between Russell Road and Colonial Road, police said. Police say they have been able to piece together what the man was doing in the lead up to the collision. METRO

# Ottawan dies after fight in Yellowknife

Yellowknife RCMP are investigating the death of a 20-year-old Ottawa man after a fight at a house party Friday night.

Emerson Curran, the son of Ottawa Business Journal publisher Michael Curran, had been working at Air Tindi, a small northern airline, over the summer. He'd been studying philosophy at the University of Ottawa.

After the fight he was taken to hospital in Yellowknife and then transferred to a hospital in Edmonton. CBC reported he was pronounced dead Sunday.

Speaking to CBC, his girlfriend Jillian Gummo said she had been told there was no weapon used in the fight.

Writing on her Facebook page she said, "I'll always love you Emerson Curran. You were my best friend and one of the few people I knew never judged me for the way I was and I hope you'll always remember that I felt the same way. Being with your family today brought so much to my spirit and I know you'll always be with the ones you cared for so deeply. You won't ever be forgotten by all of the people whose lives you touched and I'll carry you with me forever and ever babe. Be at peace, you're SO loved."

Friends and family expressed their sorrow and condolences on social media in the wake of Curran's death.

Curran's brother Graeme tweeted, "Even in death my brother still continues to change the lives of at least 4 people. He was and will always be a role model to us all." METRO

# Top cops' pot ticket idea a farce: Activist

**Law.** Russell Barth will not be satisfied until marijuana is legalized

Medicinal marijuana smoker and pot activist Russell Barth is firing back against a police plan to ticket smokers on city streets after the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police suggested last week that officers need more tools to combat pot use.

"We have a better chance of reducing teen marijuana abuse if we educate rather than threaten" said Barth in response to the resolution that would see police hand out fines to smokers rather than look the other way or clog up the court system with cases against those caught with 30 grams or less.

Last week Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau backed the plan after the CACP ratified a resolution at their annual general meeting in Winnipeg to press the government to expand the options police have when they catch tokers.

"Just like sex, and birth control, and tattoos, and piercings, this truly is an issue for parents and teachers to deal with," said Barth, who supports marijuana legalization.

Barth said that officers have stopped him on the street for smoking a joint, but were fended off by his medicinal marijuana licence.

He compared his pot use to teens smoking on school property. "That's illegal, but they let it go," he said, citing that children can down potent energy drinks and that beer and wine makers are allowed to create batches of alcoholic drinks in their own homes.

He argued if more people were allowed to grow pot in their homes, it would put dealers out of business.

Although busting those with only a small amount of marijuana is a burden on the court system, said Bordeleau last week, "as long as marijuana is illegal, we have a responsibility to enforce the laws."

That means changing the laws, not adding to them, Barth said. "I am fed up being told that pot is dirty and bad and naughty and weird."

Medicinal marijuana smoker and pot activist Russell Barth at the annual 420 marijuana smoke-in on Parliament Hill April 20, 2012. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

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# UFC veteran joins local martial arts academy as an instructor

**MMA fighting.** Former UFC fighter Denis Kang has taught martial arts at the academy part-time in the past

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The Mixed Martial Arts and Fitness Academy is adding some star power to its teaching staff, as MMA and UFC veteran Denis Kang joins the Kanata school full time.

"You have to understand this guy has his own UFC baseball card, his own action figure, his own comic book strip in Korea, and he's in the UFC video game," said owner and head instructor Stephane D'Amour, "so when the kids walk in the club and they see him, it's like 'Oh, my God!'"

Kang's been teaching Brazilian jiu-jitsu courses at the school part-time for three years, D'Amour added, making a big difference in the students' tournament trophy haul.

At the Ottawa Open, for example, seven of the 12 MMAFA students who entered won medals.

"We had three, all from the same family, that didn't have one point scored on them in any round," D'Amour said. "And it's really a reflection of Denis's teaching style, his rapport with the students, how much he pushes us, and really how much he's a perfectionist."

With that perfectionism, though, comes endless repetition.

"He's not just happy with 'OK, that was a good sweep' or 'That was an OK submission,'" said D'Amour. "'Do it again.' That's the most common word we hear: 'Again.'"

Coaching, he added, is a natural progression after years competing in a notoriously punishing sport: "If you look at the list of guys he's fought and how many professional fights he's had at a high level, I'm surprised he's still intact."

Former UFC fighter Denis Kang joins a local martial arts academy as a full-time instructor. NEIL DAVIDSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Game maker Magmic hiring amid BlackBerry woes

A team of Magmic developers celebrate the 10th anniversary of the company's Texas Hold'em King app, which has seen 100 million downloads. JESSE HILDEBRAND/CONTRIBUTED

Smartphone-game maker Magmic plans to hire 20 to 30 new staff this year, but says the potential sale of its biggest client, BlackBerry, may force it to remould its business plan.

"It really depends how that sale goes," said Magmic's chief gaming officer Phil Giroux.

"A total breakup where they sell off all the pieces — that would affect us. Even if that would happen, BlackBerry would keep operating for a long time. It just depends."

Giroux said Magmic is by no means expecting a sale, adding, "We're always in the mode of adapting to things that change rapidly" in a market where a company's fortunes are measured more in financial quarters than long-term outlooks. In recent weeks BlackBerry began conducting a strategic review; one option is to break up the company and sell off the pieces.

Last week, Magmic celebrated one of those long-term wins that come so few and far between in the industry: marking the 10th anniversary of its Texas Hold'em King title. The company inked a deal for the game with BlackBerry back in 2003 and has since seen 100 million downloads of the multi-player poker app, which they have since brought to the iPhone and will soon bring to Android devices.

The new workers Magmic plans to hire are mostly mobile programmers, but there are opportunities for designers, artists and project managers too, said Giroux, pointing out that the company has roughly 10 games in the pipeline that they hope to bring to market before Christmas or in early 2014.

"We have a whole pipeline of amazing games in the works. Some very big branded stuff," said Giroux, adding that just last week the company launched the Uno-like card game Phase 10 as a Facebook app. "There's a lot of stuff we're working on that I really can't get into."

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

**Shots heard**

## Gunfire in city's south end likely gang-related: Cops

Several shots from a 9-mm handgun aimed at a group of young men as they sat in a parked SUV in Ottawa's south end early Tuesday morning are likely gang-related, says the Ottawa police guns and gangs unit.

"It's known for gang activity," acting Staff Sgt. Ken Bryden said of the area around Lilibet Crescent near Albion Road where the shots were fired around 1:30 a.m. in what police believe was a drive-by shooting.

Bryden said police found "several casings" for bullets from a 9-mm handgun near where the shooting happened. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

**Investigation**

## Elderly man hospitalized following rollover

A 79-year-old man was hospitalized Tuesday afternoon after the vehicle he was travelling in rolled over on Highway 7 near Upper Dwyer Hill Road. Paramedics got an emergency call around 3:04 p.m. and treated the man for neck pain and some "neurological compromise."

The patient was in serious but stable condition at arrival at a trauma centre.

Ottawa police are investigating. METRO

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**Record breaking**

## Ottawa Humane Society raises $48K

The Ottawa Humane society raised a record-breaking $48,000 with a celebrity chef event at the National Arts Centre.

More than 250 guests dined on the creations from the city's star chefs on Sunday at the Ottawa Humane Society Summer Harvest Garden Party. Twenty-five chefs donated their time to the cause.

The 13th annual fundraiser was in support of the nearly 11,000 animals the OHS cares for every year. It was also held in memory of the late Chef Kurt Waldele, who founded the event. It has raised more than $450,000 since its inception.

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# Sens unveil casino that may never be

**Worth the gamble?**
City council set to consider resolutions relating to OLG's plans on Wednesday

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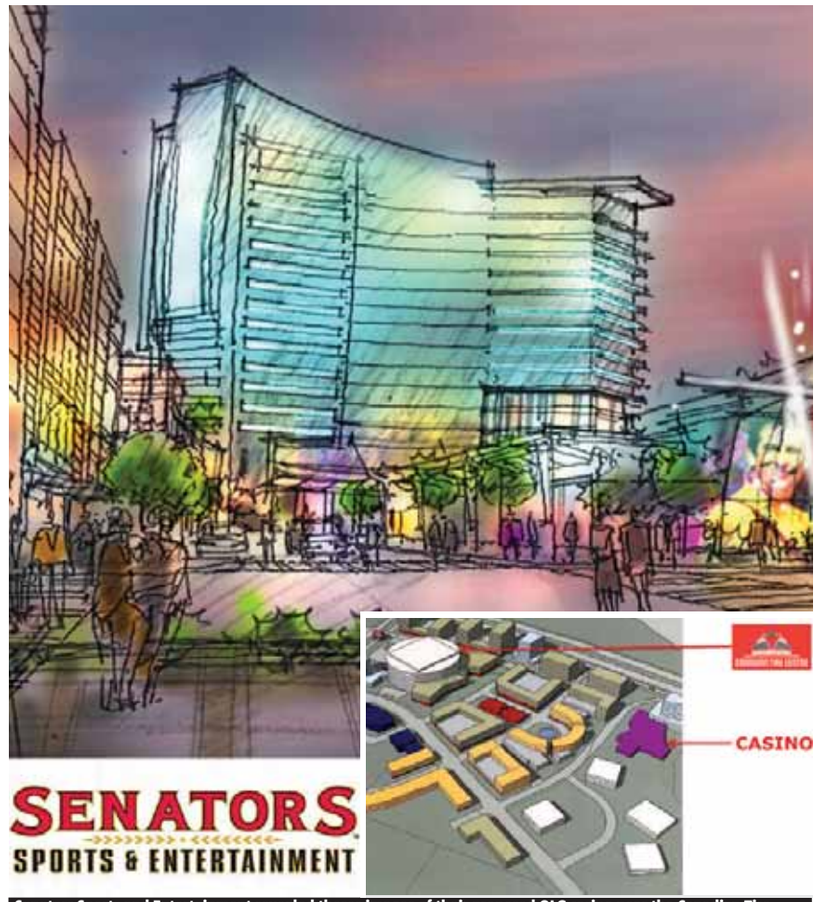
Senators Sports and Entertainment revealed a series of snazzy images of their proposed OLG casino near the Canadian Tire Centre in a presentation to the city's finance and economic development committee Monday.

The planned gaming facility would be from 150,000 to 200,000 square feet. It would anchor, along with the stadium, a "Capital Entertainment District," including 800 hotel rooms, 900 residential units and 300,000 feet of retail space. The entire development, according to the presentation, would amount to over two million square feet and more than $500 million in capital investment.

Rideau Carleton Raceway spokesman Alex Lawryk said that while concept drawings have been done for the racetrack's competing proposal, confidentiality terms in the OLG selection process don't allow them to be revealed at this time.

"If I could give you the pictures, I would," he said. "They're provocative, they're beautiful and they fit into the community fabric that's being built out there."

City council is scheduled to consider a number of resolutions Wednesday relating to OLG's plans for expanded gambling in the city. On Monday the city's finance and economic development committee voted to recommend to council that any casino be limited to the current Rideau Carleton Raceway location.

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**Competing pitch**

**"They're provocative, they're beautiful and they fit into the community fabric that's being built out there."**
**Rideau Carleton Raceway spokesman Alex Lawryk** on their competing proposal's designs

# City could see 'brilliant' fall colours

Even if you seemed to spend it alternately soaking, shivering or sweltering, this summer's temperatures and rainfall amounted to seasonal norms, with more of the same in store for autumn, according to the Weather Network.

"We had a few swings in temperature and in precipitation, but actually for the summer we also kind of averaged out to normal conditions, believe it or not," said Weather Network meteorologist Gina Ressler.

"We're expecting this trend to continue into fall," she added.

**Damp days ahead**

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The Weather Network predicts a near-normal 258.1 millimetres of precipitation in Ottawa throughout October and November.

"For the beginning of fall, as we head into the long weekend to early parts of September, it's looking like Ottawa and much of southern Ontario is in a pretty good position. We are seeing some potential for some kind of late summer or early fall warmth to stick around."

With cooler temperatures in October and November, the Weather Network predicts average highs overall of 13.2 degrees, average lows of 3.5 degrees and 258.1 millimetres of precipitation, all near normal for Ottawa.

And when it comes to the autumn leaves, the forecast calls for gorgeous.

"We've had adequate moisture to water the trees this year," Ressler said.

"When you get that kind of moisture it usually leads to quite brilliant displays."

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# Transparency. Trudeau says folks are stoked that he openly spoke of toke

Justin Trudeau says he's received "almost universal" praise for admitting he smoked marijuana after becoming a member of Parliament.

And that certainly seemed to be the case Tuesday as the Liberal leader did a spot of mainstreeting in downtown Charlottetown.

Young and old seemed giddy at the prospect of meeting him. They sought his autograph or to have their picture taken; several spontaneously thanked him, as one middle-aged woman put it, "for telling the truth, Justin, no matter what."

"The conversations I've had with Canadians have almost universally been about people pleased with the level of openness and transparency that a Canadian politician is demonstrating," Trudeau said later.

Opponents have pounced on Trudeau's confession that he toked up at a dinner party three years ago. They accuse him of flouting the law and demonstrating that he's unfit to govern. THE CANADIAN PRESS

People in Charlottetown mobbed the Liberal leader.
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**Vox populi**

## "Hey Justin, wanna get baked?"

**Tattooed, beer-toting and "happily unemployed" Jeff Moynagh** to Trudeau, a "cool" guy he says he's likely to vote for

**Cronuts at the CNE**

## Poor refrigeration of bacon jam likely caused poisoning

An outbreak of food poisoning at the Canadian National Exhibition has been traced to the maple bacon jam topping on the cronut burger.

The likely cause of contamination was poor refrigeration, said Dr. Lisa Berger of Toronto Public Health.

"There were temperature-control issues both at the supplier and on site," she said. "The staphylococcus aureus toxin is not killed by cooking. Refrigeration prevents the bacteria from multiplying."

The investigation is now focused on Le Dolci, the jam's Toronto-based supplier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 'He was a mobster but not a monster'

**Al Capone in Sask.?**
Great-niece of infamous gangster comes north for new documentary

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

Feeding off swirling rumours and passed-down stories about Chicago gangster Al Capone's bootleg operation in the Canadian Prairies, a Saskatchewan documentary film crew is going deep — literally — to search for proof behind the prohibition tale.

The documentary, titled Finding Al, involves historical data and assorted tales surrounding the iconic mobster's rumoured appearances in and around Moose Jaw, Sask., in the 1920s.

"I've been to the Tunnels (of Moose Jaw) many times and I just wanted to investigate it," director and producer Kelly-Anne Riess told Metro in Moose Jaw — nicknamed Little Chicago by some — on Tuesday, referring to passageways below the city's downtown streets. The tunnels were turned into a tourist attraction in 2000 with Capone-themed tours and costumed characters.

Deirdre Capone, 73, centre, is filmed in the Tunnels of Moose Jaw for a documentary, Finding Al, about her great-uncle.
ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Because of extremely limited paper documentation, Riess has focused on accounts passed down the generations.

Riess had planned to visit Capone's great-niece Deirdre, who has written a book about her family story. But the 73-year-old ended up coming to Saskatchewan from her Florida home to be featured in the documentary.

"There is no one else that can (tell the story)," Deirdre Capone said after taking a guided tour of the Tunnels.

Capone didn't let on to her relation to the infamous crime figure during the tour, even whispering to a Metro reporter, "I wonder what these people would say if they knew who I was."

Riess pointed out that her favourite Saskatchewan story on Capone comes from a Weyburn-area home, where Deirdre's great-uncle would allegedly host firearm-filled parties once a year for his men and local farmers.

"It's our own Saskatchewan thing," Riess said. "I just like the idea of bootlegging mobster farmers."

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# Tories don't plan to recall Parliament. Baird talks Syria with opposition

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is talking to opposition leaders about the developing crisis surrounding Syria. But the department says calls to recall Parliament to discuss military action are premature.

Baird spoke first to Tom Mulcair, whose spokesman, George Smith, said the NDP leader "was very clear with Minister Baird that Parliament would have to be recalled if there was any direct military involvement. Mr. Mulcair also stressed the importance of working with the United Nations."

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, in P.E.I. for a caucus retreat, said Canada needs to proceed cautiously.

"As soon as we talk about military intervention, there are many, many questions unanswered. Like what would military victory look like? Who would we be helping?" Trudeau said.

"There are grave questions, both about the government side but also about the rebel side. That's where we have to have honest and open dialogue about it. And I'm certainly not going to pretend that anyone has all the answers."

John Baird THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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# Dissent. UN mandate needed for action against Syria, Italy says

Any military strike against Syria must be authorized by the UN Security Council, Italy insisted on Tuesday.

Briefing Parliament, Foreign Minister Emma Bonino called Syria's alleged chemical attack a "war crime" but said her government wouldn't support military action without UN Security Council authorization.

"Italy would not actively take in any military action ... beyond the context of the Security Council, which for us is and remains the only point of legal reference that cannot be ignored," Bonino said.

Italy offered both military bases on its territory and its own aircraft for the 2011 NATO campaign in Libya. Bonino didn't specify how Italy might view base use during any intervention against Syria led by allies.

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Abducted in Colombia

## Kidnapped mining executive freed by rebels

A Canadian executive who was kidnapped by Colombian rebels opposed to his company's gold-mining project has been freed. The International Committee of the Red Cross says Gernot Wober, 47, was released on Tuesday by the National Liberation Army. Wober, vice-president of exploration of Toronto-based Braeval Mining Corp., was abducted on Jan. 18, along with two Colombians and two Peruvians. Braeval said last month that it is pulling out of Colombia.

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CIA behind overthrow

## Iran to debate suing U.S. over 1953 coup

Iran's parliament has approved fast-tracking debate on a bill to sue the U.S. for its involvement in the 1953 CIA-orchestrated coup that overthrew the country's democratically elected prime minister Mohammed Mossadegh and restored the oppressive regime of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. Deliberations begin on Wednesday over how to launch a formal complaint accusing the U.S. of intervening in Iran's internal affairs and inflicting damages on the Persian state.

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# U.S. lays out case for Syrian strike

**Closer to attack.** Officials prepare legal justification for military intervention

The Obama administration tried to bolster its case on Tuesday for possible military action against Syria within days, with intelligence agencies preparing to release intercepted communications aimed at proving Bashar Assad perpetrated a large-scale chemical attack on civilians.

The U.S. and international partners were unlikely to undertake military action before Thursday. That's when British Prime Minister David Cameron will convene an emergency meeting of Parliament during which MPs are expected to vote on a motion clearing the way for an armed response.

Obama administration officials argued that Assad's actions posed a direct threat to U.S. national security, providing President Barack Obama with a possible legal justification for launching a strike without authorization from the United Nations or Congress. However, officials did not detail how the U.S. was directly threatened by an attack contained within Syria's borders. Nor did they present concrete proof that Assad was responsible.

"Allowing the use of chemical weapons on a significant scale to take place without a response would present a significant challenge to ... the United States' national security," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Assad has denied using chemical weapons, calling the allegations "preposterous."

Obama is weighing a response focused narrowly on punishing Assad for violating international agreements that ban the use of chemical weapons, an act he repeatedly has said would cross a "red line." Officials said the goal was not to drive the Syrian leader from power or impact the broader trajectory of Syria's bloody civil war, which is in its third year.

"The options we are considering are not about regime change," Carney said.

U.S. officials say the most likely operation would be largely sea-based, with the strikes coming primarily from navy warships in the Mediterranean Sea. Fighter jets often are deployed to monitor the area and protect the ships, but Syria's robust air-defence system makes air strikes more difficult and risky.

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'No doubt'

**"There's no doubt who is responsible for this heinous use of chemical weapons in Syria: the Syrian regime."** U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden

At a news conference in Damascus on Tuesday, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said his country would use "all means available" to repel a U.S.-led strike. "We have the means to defend ourselves and we will surprise everyone," al-Moallem said, beneath a portrait of President Bashar Assad, who is accused of using chemical weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 'We are ready to go': U.S. defense secretary

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Military forces are poised to strike Syria immediately if the commander-in-chief gives the order, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Monday.

The U.S. navy has four destroyers in the eastern Mediterranean within range of targets in Syria and also has warplanes in the region.

"We are ready to go," Hagel said during a television interview while travelling in Asia.

Before any strike, the U.S. also plans to release additional intelligence it says will directly link Assad to the Aug. 21 alleged attack in the Damascus suburbs. A U.S. official said the report is expected to include "signals intelligence," or information gathered from intercepted communications.

Even before releasing that information, U.S. officials said they had very little doubt that Assad was culpable in what is believed to have been a chemical-weapons attack, based on witness reports, the symptoms of those killed or injured and intelligence showing the Syrian government has not lost control of its chemical-weapons stockpiles.

U.S. officials have spent much of the week seeking to rally international support for an aggressive response to the alleged attack.

The flurry of action is in stark contrast to President Barack Obama's previously restrained approach to Syria's civil war, which has left more than 100,000 people dead, according to UN estimates.

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# Feds requested data on 219 Facebook users

**Online privacy.** Firm is latest tech company to release stats on how often governments seek customer information

The Canadian government demanded Facebook turn over information on 219 users in the first half of the year, the company said Tuesday in releasing global data.

They were among about 38,000 Facebook users whose data was scrutinized by authorities in 74 countries, Facebook said. About half of those orders came from the United States.

Facebook said it turned over some data to authorities in 44 per cent of the Canadian cases, and that it was required by law to do so. The company declined to give any specific details.

The social-networking giant is the latest technology firm to release figures on how often governments seek information about customers. Microsoft and Google have done the same.

"The vast majority of these requests relate to criminal cases, such as robberies or kidnappings," Facebook said on its blog. "In many of these cases, these government requests seek basic subscriber information, such as name and length of service. Other requests may also seek IP address logs or actual account content."

Facebook and other technology companies have been criticized for helping the National Security Agency secretly collect data on customers. U.S. federal law gives the government the authority to demand data without specific warrants, and while companies can fight requests in secret court hearings, it's an uphill battle.

It's not clear from the Facebook data how many of the government requests on 38,000 users were for law-enforcement purposes and how many were for intelligence gathering.

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**Talking Turkey**

- Facebook and Twitter have become organizing platforms for activists and, as such, are targets for authorities.
- During anti-government protests in Turkey in May and June, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan called social media "the worst menace to society." At the time, Facebook denied it provided information about protest organizers to the Turkish government.
- Data released Tuesday show Turkish authorities submitted 96 requests covering 173 users. Facebook said it provided some data in about 45 of those cases, but there is no information on what was turned over and why.

## Egypt's tourism industry has that empty feeling

Souvenirs rest on a car dashboard at the Giza Pyramids near Cairo on Tuesday. The chairman of the Egyptian Airports Co. says some flights are arriving nearly empty to the country since this summer's violent turmoil. Flights that can carry more than 100 passengers from Europe arrive with just nine, and return full from beach resorts. Major tour operators in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark say they have cancelled at least 60,000 trips.

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# Trade talks. U.S. proposal won't affect anti-smoking laws in Canada, Ottawa says

The Canadian government says it sees no specific threat in a controversial U.S. proposal to include tobacco in the TransPacific Partnership trade negotiations that health advocates argue will make it more difficult to enforce anti-smoking campaigns.

A spokesman for Trade Minister Ed Fast says the government is still reviewing the proposal, along with another Malaysia tabled Tuesday that would carve out tobacco from the TPP altogether, but said it does not believe there will be any impact on Canada's anti-smoking regulations.

"Canada's ability to regulate in the public interest, including health, remains unchanged in the U.S. proposal," said Rudy Husny, press secretary to the trade minister, who last week was in Brunei for the start of the latest round in the talks.

But health advocates say the proposal is weaker than Washington's previous position of a "safe harbour" for tobacco control laws, and insist it does give tobacco companies the ability to challenge countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health advocates are hopping mad about the U.S. proposal to include tobacco in the TransPacific Partnership trade negotiations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

**Halifax**

## N.S. licence plates boost buying local

A new licence plate is being made available in Nova Scotia that encourages people to buy locally produced goods. The plate features an image from the Select Nova Scotia marketing campaign.

Standard registration fees will apply, in addition to a $50 donation, when the licence is purchased. The government says donations raised through the plates will go to the Select Nova Scotia Fund to raise public awareness about the campaign and sponsor events.

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# CAN AFFLECK BE THE WORST BATMAN?

JUST SAYIN'

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Are you ready to have some fun?

Are you ready to play the Batman game?

Granted, this is probably only fun for people who have yet to get beyond the mental age of 12, but that's almost everybody. The rest of you, get over yourselves.

The Batman game is easy to play, of course: In the history of Batman stretching back to 1943, who has been the best — and the worst — Batman?

It's time to play the game again, because now that The Dark Knight's Christian Bale has moved on to Shakespeare or whatever, Ben Affleck has been announced as his replacement, causing thousands of bat fans to fall screeching from the sky.

Even though Ben has restored his reputation with an Oscar for Argo, the stench from the "Bennifer" era and his participation in Gigli, often cited as the worst movie ever, lingers.

There's even a petition on the White House website demanding that the president intervene and prevent 'Batfleck' from spoiling Batman.

Many fans believe Bale redeemed Batman from weak portrayals by otherwise decent actors such as George Clooney and indecent actors such as Val Kilmer, and they don't want to see another lame flying mammal re-infest the bat cave.

OK, if Clooney, the world's most admired movie star, failed to own the belfry, what does Batfleck expect? It's a dangerous job, fighting crime in Gotham City for $15 million an episode.

When you play the game, you probably start during the era when you first encountered the Caped Crusader. For me, that would be back in the '60s, and the inane Batman TV series of 1966-68 starring Adam West. Of course, it was supposed to be inane — or "camp," I believe it was called then — when inane was cool.

I never bought that.

Then, in the late '80s, Tim Burton made Beetlejuice star Michael Keaton his Batman, generating the same kind of horror now gripping the streets of Gotham and other locales over Batfleck. But Keaton turned out to be really good; so good, he rivals Bale as a fan favourite, especially for those who were alive in the '80s.

For the most part, people seem to prefer the intense, brooding Batguys to the Bat-light Clooneys or Kilmers.

Even Clooney himself thinks he stunk up the cave: "With hindsight," he has said, "it's easy to look back at this and go, 'Whoa, that was really s--t and I was really bad in it.'"

Of course, if you're really serious about this stuff, you can spread your wings and get into a variation on a theme: the Batman nemesis game. For example, who's the best Penguin — Burgess Meredith or Danny DeVito? Or how about the best Joker? Jack Nicholson or Heath Ledger?

If we can keep this going, we'll never have to grow up. Batman forever!

## ZOOM

# It takes balls to beat boredom

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### Fun after curfew? Don't count on it

Egyptians break curfew by playing soccer during the nighttime in the Garden City neighbourhood of Cairo.

In every corner of the Egyptian capital, a bustling city of 18 million that rarely sleeps, people are locked up in their homes at night under a military-imposed curfew that has driven people up the walls, sometimes literally.

To kill time, one said he spent the night counting flowers on his wallpaper — a staggering 865. Another tested how many cucumbers he can fit in a refrigerator drawer. A third calculated the speed of an ant crawling on his balcony rail.

The curfew has been a shock to Cairo, a city where cafes stay packed into the night and parents routinely take their children out for dinners nearing midnight.

The military-backed government's curfew, after violent unrest following the July 3 coup that ousted President Mohammed Morsi, slashed the typical Cairo 24-hour life to just 11 hours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**What to do...**

- Some predicted a baby boom next winter. Cynics suggest a hike in divorce rates —spouses are locked up together for longer.
- Others fled the turmoil to the Mediterranean coastline.

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**Letters**

**RE: Talking About Sex? Gasp! Published Aug. 21**

I thought it was a really interesting and apt point made by the author that children and teens are exposed, without question, to huge amounts of violence, and yet are sheltered from any open, honest, and fact- or experience-based discussion of sex and sexuality.

Due to the inadequacy of sex education in schools, and many parents' squeamishness about discussing the topic, teens are left to educate themselves and each other about sex — getting their (mis)information from urban myths, chat rooms, and reality television. Talking to one's child about sex can be difficult, so parents should be glad there is this type of self-guided, science-based exhibition to help teach their children/teens about healthy sexuality.

The "self-appointed guardians of the public morality" are kidding themselves by thinking that this exhibit (or any open discussions about sex) will newly expose teens to "the discovery of attraction, seduction, desire, and intimacy."

So what is it about sex? Unfortunately, our society still operates on a puritanical value system, that not only turns a blind eye to the realities of youth and sex, but which also paints sex and sexuality as something that is shameful and should not be spoken about.

**Martha Elliott and Karla Pena-Mendez, London, Ont.**

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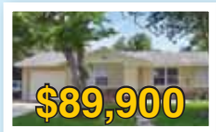


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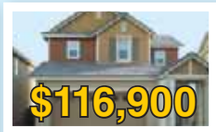


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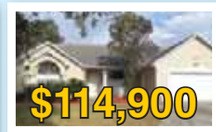


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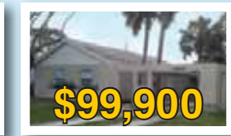


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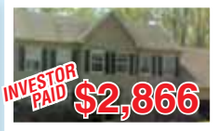


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SCENE 2

# A curious idea and its interesting conversation

**Ironside.** Actor responds to criticism over being cast as detective in a wheelchair

When it came time to prepare for his role as the wheelchair-bound detective in Global's reboot of the television classic Ironside, Blair Underwood turned to his mother for advice.

"I spent a lot of time talking to her about her experiences," Underwood said about his mother, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair.

"It was very important that we as professionals … me as an actor, are really respectful and authentic as we can be to this disability that this character has."

The fact Underwood's character uses a wheelchair is about as far as this reboot of the TV classic goes in trying to emulate Raymond Burr's show, which aired from 1967 to 1975.

"It was a very curious idea; I was a little taken aback," admitted Underwood about being asked to join the cast.

"But then I thought, I liked the old Ironside. The only elements we took are his name, Ironside, the fact that he is a detective, the fact he is in a wheelchair."

Airing Wednesdays starting Oct. 2, the series picks up two years after Underwood's character, Robert Ironside, is paralyzed by a gun shot while investigating a case.

"He is very much trying to reconcile this new version of himself," Underwood says of his character, whose story is told in flashbacks throughout the series.

Still, Underwood's casting in the series hasn't been without controversy.

Some have criticized the casting as offensive because, instead of hiring an actor who uses a wheelchair, they went with an able-bodied actor instead.

"I think it is great that it has brought the conversation forward," said Underwood. "It's a conversation that I get, I respect it, and what I derive from that, from speaking to one particular actor who is disabled, is their frustration. Because actors who are disabled, from what I understand, are often not thought of in terms of casting. Producers don't think to cast a disabled actor." METRO

**All about the dialogue**

**"I think it is great that it has brought the conversation forward."**

Blair Underwood on facing criticism for being an able-bodied actor cast in the role of a detective in a wheelchair

Blair Underwood stars in the reboot of the TV classic Ironside. CONTRIBUTED

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# Muscle car is the real star of Getaway

IN FOCUS
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Ethan Hawke and Selena Gomez are the stars of Getaway, a new action adventure film from Toronto-born director Courtney Solomon, but the scene-stealer is the Ford Shelby GT500 Super Snake, built by legendary car customizer Shelby American.

"Since Getaway takes place in a foreign country," said Soloman, "I felt strongly that we needed the quintessential American muscle car with enough star power to shine with Ethan and Selena."

Two Shelby GT500 Super Snakes were actually used to tell the story of a former race car driver who must steal the souped-up car and perform a number of duties to prevent his wife from being killed. The first can be seen in the Bulgarian-shot action scenes. The second was used during audio recording in Los Angeles.

The silver Super Snake is a sleek thing of beauty, but the most famous movie car has to be the 1963 Aston Martin DB5 used in Goldfinger. Not only was it the first and most recognized James Bond car — after the movie was released it was called "the most famous car in the world" — but it also inspired a popular Corgi car that became the biggest selling toy of 1964.

The British-made vehicle also appears in The Cannonball Run, driven by former Bond Roger Moore and in a highly stylized form as a secret agent (voiced by Michael Caine) in Pixar's Cars 2.

The first auto to have its own screen credit was Herbie, the anthropomorphic 1962 Volkswagen Beetle from The Love Bug. The original script didn't specify any type of car, but after filmmakers "auditioned" several Toyotas, a TVR sportscar, a Volvo, an MG and a pearl white Volkswagen Beetle, the VW was chosen because it was the only car the crew tried to reach out and pet.

Ethan Hawke and Selena Gomez in Getaway. CONTRIBUTED

Finally, who could forget Marty McFly's (Michael J. Fox) famous line, "Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Doc, uh... Are you telling me that you built a time machine... out of a DeLorean?"

Back to the Future used one of the 9,000 gull-winged DeLorean DMC-12 sport cars manufactured by the DeLorean Motor Company in Northern Ireland as a machine that propelled McFly back in time.

"Yes, the way I see it," said the machine's inventor, Dr. Emmett L. Brown (Christopher Lloyd), "if you're gonna build a time machine into a car, why not do it with some style?"

**Crime/drama**

## Closed Circuit

**Director.** John Crowley

**Stars.** Eric Bana, Rebecca Hall, Jim Broadbent

Eric Bana and Rebecca Hall play lawyers and ex-lovers who find themselves in the crosshairs when their defence of a suspected terrorist uncovers evidence that could cause a national scandal. Closed Circuit is a thriller with few thrills. In its rush to get to the climax — which is actually twisty and turny enough to be interesting — it blasts through plot details, not giving us any reason to care about the characters. Once again Bana proves to be a handsome cipher — he's a good-looking actor but as dull as dishwater.

RICHARD CROUSE

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

**The Word**

## *Are Rihanna and Drake rekindling?*

It looks like Rihanna is spending time with old flame Drake, as the pair got in some quality time at N.Y. nightspot Sons of Essex the Friday prior to last weekend's MTV Video Music Awards, according to E! News. "Drake came in around 10 p.m. with 10 people and had four large security guards. Rihanna came about an hour later, alone, not counting her security," a source says. "They sat in a back room, the lights were dimmed and there was sort of a barricade of tables blocking their group off."

But don't call it a rekindled romance just yet. "It seemed very casual," the source says, adding that Rihanna and Drake left a "generous" $500 tip before leaving separately.

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# Travel like a star

If celebrity spotting and star gazing gets your adrenaline pumping, here are some holiday suggestions that will allow you to indulge your inner paparazzi

ON THE MOVE
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## 1 Be a high roller

For those who want to spend the money to rub shoulders with the world's rich and famous, a great website to bookmark is millionairesconcierge.com. It can help you plan a whole range of high-end vacations and buy tickets to celebrity-heavy events, like the Oscars, the Superbowl or the Emmys. ACTRESS JENNIFER LAWRENCE ARRIVES AT THE OSCARS/GETTY IMAGES

## 2 Or save your pennies

For the slightly more budget conscious, go to the tinsel towns of New York, Los Angeles or London, England. Reserve tickets in advance to the taping of your favourite late night talk show or TV sitcom to ensure some celeb face time. BE PART OF A STUDIO AUDIENCE!/GETTY IMAGES

## 3 Celeb hot spots

If you prefer to actually vacation alongside the stars, book your holiday to celebrity favourites like Las Vegas, Telluride, Colorado or the Caribbean islands of St. Bart's or Anguilla. Anguilla's laid back vibe is particularly attractive to celebrities like Ellen and Portia, Jay-Z and Beyoncé and camera-shy Janet Jackson, who was seen wandering around the supermarket alone on a recent visit.

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## 4 TIFF brings Hollywood north

This year's Toronto International Film Festival runs from Sept. 5 to the 15 and will provide opportunities to see stars such as Meryl Streep, Hugh Jackman and Jennifer Aniston. Film festivals are a great way to include star gazing into your vacation. Celebrities are there to promote their movies and mingle, so they tend to be more open to the personal attention. Stake out the red carpets during film premieres and lie in wait over cocktails at hip locations like the Drake Hotel, the Shangri-La or the recently opened Four Seasons Hotel. ACTOR JARED LETO AT TIFF IN 2012/GETTY IMAGES

## 5 From sea to star

If you want more than just a quick photo opportunity, consider booking a celebrity-themed cruise. Cruise lines occasionally invite big name chefs, authors or movie stars on board and design the itineraries so people have a chance to interact with them. ISTOCK IMAGES

## 6 Stay in their resorts and hotels

If you want to say you spent the night with a famous friend-to-be, check in to a celebrity-owned hotel like Bono and The Edge's The Clarence in Dublin, Ireland; Abba's Benny Andersson's Hotel Rivalin in Stockholm, Sweden or Elizabeth Hurley's No. 11 Cadogan Gardensin in London, England. Closer to home, bunk in at Jason Priestley's Terrace Beach Resort in Ucluelet, B.C. A MAN WALKS PAST THE CLARENCE HOTEL, OWNED BY SINGER BONO/GETTY IMAGES

# Ace of heart-to-hearts: How to know if you impressed your interviewer

**I came, I saw, a contract.** Don't be too perplexed as to whether you pleased the professionals

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Body of work: If you noticed that the interviewer was engaged in the conversation, nodding, smiling or giving off any other positive body language hints, you may just be on a fast track to success. ISTOCK

Before an interview, it's only natural to feel nervous. But post-interview is when the anxiety tends to kick in. Our mind hops on the over-thinking train and doesn't look back. The main reason this happens is because we know the decision is now out of our hands and we don't have much control over it.

You've gone through the application process and the interview. The next thing to do is wait patiently to hear back with the decision. But the time between the interview and when you hear back can seem like an eternity.

To help with the post-interview jitters and make the wait a little quicker, read these signs to look out for during and after the interview and what they could mean for you as the interviewee.

### The interview went longer than scheduled

An interview that goes longer than scheduled is always a good sign that the interviewer wants to get to know you better and is interested in the conversation. This is a win-win situation because you get to learn more about the company and position, and you get more time to show how you will be a great asset.

### They told you when you'll hear back

If the interviewer gives you a firm date as to when you'll hear back, it means that they have a timeline defined for the hiring process. This could also mean that during the interview they made the decision (hiring you!) and just need to speak with their team to work out the details. Even if the news isn't what you were hoping for, at least you have a concrete idea as to when you'll know the decision.

### You talked about topics beyond the job description

Ensuring that you answer each question during the interview effectively is the first step toward having a successful interview. An interview that exceeds expectations is one where you answer every question and then start to talk about the contributions you can make beyond the job description. If you found that this was happening in the interview, you probably left the interviewer with a positive impression.

### You hear that your references have been contacted

Reference-checking is time consuming. Unless you're being seriously considered, interviewers won't spend the time to do this. If you hear from your references that they have been contacted, this is a signal that they're finalizing their decision and you're a top candidate.

**You felt like you fit**

- I have had interviews before where I automatically thought "this is the perfect fit" or in other cases, "I'm not sure if this company/role is for me."
- If you felt as though you fit in well during the interview, chances are that the interviewer shared the same feeling. If an interviewer feels as though you had a good interview and also thinks you'll fit well with their environment, chances are you'll be on the top of their mind when making the final hiring decision.

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# Home sweet campus

**Soak up your surroundings.** There are plenty of perks to your post-secondary palace. Just look around you!

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As a student, it's important to be aware of where your tuition money goes. College and university can be expensive, but it's not just the courses you're paying for. There are services that can help the fitness, career, extracurricular and social aspects of your student life.

### Student discounts

Between tuition, books and a social life, being a student can mean a strained wallet. Student unions often provide student discounts on a number of activities such as movies, transit tickets, theme parks, sporting events and other special deals so you can go out once in awhile without worrying about spending a fortune.

Tip: Check frequently for different deals. You can visit your student union's website, stop by their office or give them a call to find out more.

### Gym membership

For some, the gym is the perfect place to unwind before, after or in between studies. Gym memberships are included in many tuition packages, but students may find themselves "too busy" or claim that the gym "isn't their thing."

Exercise is an important part of keeping the body and mind healthy.

Tip: Get a copy of the exercise schedule. Try different classes by yourself or with a friend and see which ones you like best. Mark an activity or two into your weekly schedule as you would with academic classes.

### Health centre

Students spend most of their time at school and may not have time to go to the doctor. That's where the health centre comes in. Health and dental coverage are included in your tuition fees, whether you have a medical plan or not. The health centre usually covers counselling services, nutrition and blood tests.

Tip: You can opt out of health and dental services and receive a refund on the fees. Check with your university for more details.

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### Credit requirement checks

- Many students don't realize the importance of keeping track of their credits. Registrar's offices have academic counsellors who specifically look after credit requirements, which determine your graduation.

**Tip: Make an appointment with your department's student advisor to go over your credit requirements. One course could determine your fate at graduation. It's always best to be sure.**

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# Black Bean Chilaquile: Heavy on Mexican flavour, light on the wallet

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**Eat cheap (and healthy)**

**For the next three Wednesdays, Metro's Theresa Albert will be serving up some easy to make and healthy recipes that are perfect for families or starving students.**

**This recipe serves three to four people.** FLICKR: ROOEY202

**Ingredients**

- 1/2 onion, chopped ($0.44)
- 1 tbsp olive oil ($0.08)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced ($0.10)
- 1/2 cup tomatoes, chopped ($0.23)
- 3/4 cup frozen corn, thawed ($0.11)
- 1 can black beans, drained ($1.29)
- 2 tsp lime juice ($0.12)
- 1 package frozen spinach , thawed and drained well ($1.89)
- 1 tsp each oregano and chili powder ($0.11)
- 2 cups tortilla chips, crushed ($0.79)
- 3 oz cheddar cheese ($1.76)
- 1 cup salsa ($0.60)

**Total $7.52 (about $2.50 per 3 people or $1.88 per 4 people)**

You know how you love nachos but the calories will kill you? Here is a way to have all the taste and none of the guilt. That's because a black bean and veggie heavy casserole gives you the same crispy, cheesy feeling.

This is a great make ahead party dish too. Just stop before the baking step and pop it in the oven for 20 minutes before you want to serve.

**1.** Sauté onion in oil for 8 minutes until very soft. Stir in garlic, tomatoes, corn, black beans, lime juice, salt and pepper and cook 5 min to heat through. Stir in spinach and heat through; sprinkle in oregano and chili powder.

**2.** Prepare 8x8 casserole dish or baking pan with light coating of oil. Spread half of the crushed tortilla chips on the bottom. Spoon the sautéed veg over chips. Top with remaining chips and cheese.

**3.** Heat in 400F oven to melt cheese. Top with salsa and serve

**Drink of the Week**

## The Zephyr

Tart and refreshing, this cocktail blends fresh citrus notes for a cool summer treat.

- 1.5 oz Belvedere vodka
- 1/2 oz fresh pink grapefruit juice
- 1/2 oz orgeat syrup
- 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice
- Top tonic water

Shake first four ingredients and strain into highball over fresh ice.

Top with tonic water and garnish with a wedge of fresh pink grapefruit.

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## Side. Prosciutto, Cantaloupe and Orecchiette Salad

A pasta salad should be easy. It should be a just-throw-the-ingredients-in-a-bowl kind of summer food that doesn't require too much messing around.

With that in mind, this salad is just that. Do a quick boil of the pasta, and throw in the veggies to blanch during the last 2 minutes. This simple trick saves you a pot to wash and an extra step.

Then add some flavour in the way of salty prosciutto and sweet melon, and you've got a classic Italian pairing turned into summer side.

Of course, because it's pasta salad, the combinations really are limitless. You can substitute any shape pasta you prefer. Switch out the prosciutto for bacon or salami, green beans for the asparagus, peaches for the cantaloupe. The great thing about pasta salad is that it's so easy to make it yours.

**1.** Bring pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions.

**2.** Two minutes before the pasta is finished cooking, add the asparagus. When the pasta is finished, drain immediately and mix in several ice cubes. Stand the strainer of pasta and asparagus in the sink and run cool water over them until completely cooled.

**3.** Meanwhile, in bowl whisk together the olive oil, vinegar and mustard. Add the cooked and cooled pasta and asparagus, the fennel, prosciutto, cantaloupe and basil. Gently stir to combine and distribute the dressing. Season with salt and pepper, then garnish with the Parmesan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Ingredients**

- 16 oz orecchiette pasta
- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp whole-grain mustard
- 1 fennel bulb, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 4 oz prosciutto, cut into thin strips
- 1 cup diced cantaloupe
- 1/2 cup torn basil leaves
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Shaved Parmesan cheese

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MLB

## Jays GM stands by his man(ager)

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos is giving his skipper a vote of confidence.

Speaking to reporters before Tuesday night's game against the New York Yankees, Anthopoulos said John Gibbons will return as manager in 2014.

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NFL

## RGIII awaits green light from surgeon

Robert Griffin III could get the all-clear to play in the regular season when he meets with his surgeon on Thursday night.

Washington Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said Tuesday that Griffin will meet with Dr. James Andrews while the Redskins are in Florida for their final pre-season game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Robert Griffin III GETTY IMAGES

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Soccer

## Arsenal remains in Champions League

Arsenal will play in the Champions League for a 16th consecutive season.

With a 3-0 lead over Fenerbahce from the first leg, Aaron Ramsey netted twice at Emirates Stadium to ensure Arsenal comfortably won the playoff 5-0 on aggregate.

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Canadian dream team

**"It was pretty cool to be a part of that team. We've sort of grown up together."**

**Defenceman Brent Seabrook** on the Canadian junior team of 2005, which accounts for 10 of the 47 players at Hockey Canada's Olympic orientation camp.

# Raonic holds serving clinic in first round of U.S. Open

**Tennis.** Top-ranked Canadian player slams 28 aces in straight-sets win over qualifier

Milos Raonic has advanced to the second round of the U.S. Open.

The 10th-seeded player from Thornhill, Ont., defeated Italian qualifier Thomas Fabbiano 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-3 on Tuesday.

"In general, it was a good day," Raonic said.

He will face Pablo Andujar in the second round after the Spaniard beat Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

"He started doing well in 2011, just like me," Raonic said of Andujar. "He's very consistent. He can be aggressive, especially with his forehand, and I've got to play more aggressive than I did today.

"I've got to clean up a bit off the baseline and hopefully serve like I did today."

Raonic put on a serving display against the 179th-ranked Fabbiano, who was making his Grand Slam debut. The Italian gave only the slightest hint of trouble when he got a break back in the second set for 4-all before losing the set in a tiebreaker.

"I know he's very capable, I remember him from juniors," Raonic said of Fabbiano. "He got through quallies, so he must be playing well in that situation. I just sort of dealt with it as best I could, and I'm happy with how the result turned out."

Raonic took a 4-2 lead in the third set and sealed the victory with a series of untouchable serves.

The Canadian finished with 52 winners, including 28 aces.

"Serve helped for sure, got me get through a lot of difficult situations," Raonic said. "I was struggling definitely from the baseline, but when I sort of needed it I was able to pick it up on both sides."

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### Pospisil left fuming

**Meanwhile, Vasek Pospisil of Vernon, B.C., suffered a tough loss to Brazilian qualifier Rogerio Dutra, going down 4-6, 3-6, 7-6 (9), 6-2, 7-6 (10).**

- With the fifth-set tiebreaker tied 10-10, the umpire overruled a linesperson's call on Dutra's shot that was initially ruled long. That gave Dutra match point, which he then converted.

Milos Raonic serves to Thomas Fabbiano during their first-round match at the U.S. Open on Tuesday in New York. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

### Sounding off

**"I couldn't jump. I couldn't make a service movement. It's still better than yesterday."**

**Jerzy Janowicz,** who was playing through a back injury, lost 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 to qualifier Maximo Gonzalez.

**"If I was him, I wouldn't play today."**

**Maximo Gonzalez** on Janowicz battling through his injury.

**"I like big matches on the big stadium, but the people — it's too much crowds for myself, I think."**

**Petra Kvitova,** who defeated Misaki Doi 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, said she prefers the calm of Wimbledon over the bustle of New York.

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# The 2013 Nissan Leaf

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**Review.** Norway shows the way environmentally as Leafs continue to fly off the shelves

They're clever people, the Norwegians. In Norway electric cars are flying off the shelves. Why? Because in Norway there is no sales tax or road tax to pay on EVs and in cities, including Oslo, parking and charging — via a comprehensive citywide infrastructure — is free.

Best of all you can drive in the bus lanes, improving commuting times significantly. Consequently Nissan's electric Leaf has been selling very well there.

Helped by its conventional packaging, the compromises of Leaf ownership are very few. Which is why we were testing the new Leaf in Norway, because the Leaf and the city of Oslo represent one vision of an automobile future for all of us.

This 2013 Leaf model has been improved by increasing power and range and by moving the plug-in charging unit to the front of the car, increasing boot space by 40 litres.

The car is also lighter and has improved ride thanks to a retuned chassis tweaked for European tastes. The result is that this electric car has become more comfortable, practical and fun. In fact it's more conventionally car-like, which can only be a good thing.

Inside the Nissan Leaf you'll find five seats, five doors, and plenty of smart storage throughout. Plus all the high tech gadgets you would expect from a car this innovative, like Bluetooth connectivity, Nissan intelligent key with push button start, and a USB connection port for iPods and other compatible devices.

**The 2013 Nissan Leaf**

- **Type.** Four-door
- **Engines (hp).** 80 kW electric motor (109PS of power)
- **Range for one charge.** 199km
- **Emissions.** 0g/km
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $31,698 to $38,398 depending on the package

**Interior**

Now available in more conventional black trim instead of beige, the interior is familiar yet futuristic; a clever mix of comfort with cool blue accents and icons to remind you you're a trendsetter.

**Performance**

Zippy, comfortable and quiet, this kind of progress feels efficient and fun. The new Leaf feels faster than its 0 to 100 km/h time of 11.5 seconds suggests.

**Design**

The refinements are subtle, so the styling remains divisive and is not to everyone's taste. In other words, it's kind of funny looking.

With the charger port now at the front there is even more room in the trunk.

The 80 kW electric motor is under the hood.

- **Biggest plus**
Knowing you will rarely have to deal with gas stations. Or pay for fuel for that matter. The charging speed has been halved too.

- **Biggest flaw**
The steering doesn't feel fantastically responsive at speed, though around town this translates into below-average manoeuvrability.

The interior is very familiar but also futuristic.

# Cool detectives ride bicycles ... said no one, ever

It's true. There isn't one cool detective who pedaled a bicycle to the scene of the crime. Cool cars became just as important to the image of a TV gumshoe as a fedora and long coat. And later on, what they drove became an integral part of their identity. Take Robert Urich in Vega$. First airing in 1978, he played P.I. Dan Tanna who drove his 1957 Thunderbird right up to his desk in the office. How cool was that? Well, that's just the beginning of what we have in store for you.

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## The Rockford Files

This show featured one of the best instrumental themes and one of Hollywood's most popular stars in the person of James Garner. As easy-going detective Jim Rockford, Garner drove a base Pontiac Firebird Esprit instead of a flashier, snorkel-hooded Firebird Formula or a Trans Am complete with giant "flaming-chicken" hood decal. But the understated tan-coloured Esprit was the perfect match for Garner's low-key acting style.

## Hardcastle and McCormick

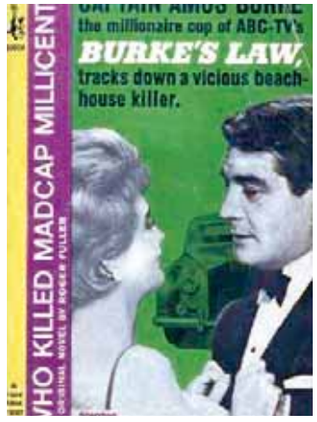
A retired judge (Brian Keith as Milton C. Hardcastle) and his ex-con assistant Mark "Skid" McCormick (Daniel Hugh Kelly) exacted vigilante justice upon those scofflaws who remained on the lam. McCormick clearly never understood the concept of working under cover since he drove "The Coyote," an overbaked McLaren M6 GT replica that went literally airborne during each episode's opening credits.

## Columbo

The rumpled police detective (perfectly played by the late Peter Falk) drove a beat-up 1959 Peugeot 403 cabriolet that appeared to be equally trashed. Either poor old Columbo was stuck with a heavy alimony tab, or he was a terrible credit risk who couldn't qualify for a car loan to save his life.

## Starsky & Hutch

Technically, Paul Michael Glaser as David Starsky and David Soul as Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson were police officers, but they looked and acted so much like private investigators that they've been included here as honorary members. What passed for their "cop car" was actually a Gran Torino — a series of 1975 and '76 models, actually — supplied by Ford that the actors nicknamed the Striped Tomato. The fans loved its outlandish paint scheme and Ford even produced 1,000 cars for the public to buy.

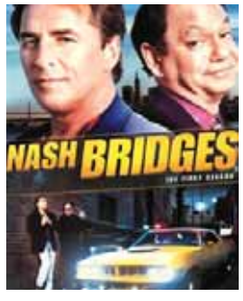



## Burke's Law

If Columbo looked like a bum, then Los Angeles chief of detectives Amos Burke (Gene Barry) lived at the opposite end of the socio-economic scale. Burke resided in a Hollywood mansion and rode around in a chauffeured 1962 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II. Wonder if he was on the take?

## Nash Bridges

An otherwise forgettable TV-cop drama featuring former Miami Vice star Don Johnson is notable for two things: the scene-stealing Cheech Marin (of Cheech and Chong fame) and the High Impact Yellow 1971 Hemicuda convertible. Apparently, due to the scarcity of '71 cars (all high-dollar collectors items), the producers substituted '70 models that were made up to look like the '71 models, and dressed them up to look like the Hemicuda cars. In fact, none of cars used in the series actually contained the 426 Hemi engine. Why the 'Cuda? It was at Don Johnson's insistence.



## Magnum P.I.

Tom Selleck's Hawaii-based character had the mustache, the muscles and the muscle in the form of a Ferrari 308. In the show, the Ferrari belonged to Robin Masters, an unseen benefactor who would "lend" his car to Magnum to work on cases. How tough a gig could that be? Show regulars will notice that the Ferrari was replaced with newer models as the seasons wore on.

## Cannon

William Conrad convincingly portrayed rotund private eye Frank Cannon who seemed to be always fighting crime from behind the wheel of a Mark-series Lincoln Continental coupe. Each season, that model year's Lincoln seemed to grow larger . . .

## The Saint

Then-future 007 star Roger Moore was the epitome of English elegance in this popular crime melodrama. The smartest move Volvo ever made was to supply Moore's character, Simon Templar, with a sporty Volvo P1800 for tooling around swinging London town. This long-running series helped put both Moore and Volvo on the map.

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# Nissan's trucks bitten by diesel zombie bug

The Nissan Titan holds the powerful engine.

**Autopilot.** The Titan, accompanied by the Cummins engine, will attempt to change the company's fortunes in the light-duty market

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The Cummins 5.0 litre V8 engine. BOTH PHOTOS NISSAN HANDOUTS

The diesels keep coming, like zombies that won't take decapitation for an answer; only with lots more torque and fuel range, and the fact that we're actually glad to see them.

This time it's Nissan, which announced last week it would offer a newly developed Cummins 5.0-litre V8 turbo-diesel in its next-generation Titan pickup.

Putting a Cummins V8 diesel into the Titan will certainly shake things up in the light-duty full-size pickup segment, where torque is highly prized and brag-able.

Television ads that brag about the torque ratings of full-size pickups are only slightly less testosterone fuelled than a Megadeath concert — they always make me want to put on a pair of overalls and work boots and throw heavy stuff around the living room.

Nissan sold about 3,500 Titans in Canada in 2012. Compare that to Ford, which sold over 106,000 F-Series pickups during the same year.

"Hopefully the Titan will no longer be the best kept secret," said Nissan V-P, Fred Diaz, in a statement.

"We're going to be the only ones to have a V8 diesel in a 1500 truck, which is pretty neat space to play in because you're actually going to be more powerful and bigger and have more capability than a 1500 but not quite at the level of a 2500."

Diesels have always been available on 2500 and 3500 heavy-duty pickups, but the torque-endowed diesel engine makes huge sense for any truck, and we're finally getting some diesel action in our light-duty pickups.

Ram 1500 gets a diesel option for 2014 — a 3.0-litre V6 made by Chrysler's Italian partner, VM Motori — and GM is heavily rumoured to be contemplating a diesel option for its next-generation of the mid-size Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon pickups.

GM's already got a suitable diesel engine; it just has to North Americanize the diesel built for the Colorado sold in Thailand, Southeast Asia, Brazil and Australia.

Those markets, and Europe, have always been diesel savvy with their smaller trucks, while we've always have to look longingly over the seas for some of the action.

In Europe they put diesels on everything. You can probably get a Peugeot bicycle with a diesel.

There are certainly reasons why the automakers haven't given us smaller trucks with diesels until now, but probably not good ones. The dominance of the full-size truck that can easily accommodate the big lump of a (relatively inexpensive) V8 is probably one of them. Another is our historically crappy diesel fuel, which couldn't be tolerated by global diesel engines designed to run on the better stuff.

The Cummins engine destined for the Titan will instantly make the Titan a pickup celebrity. For competitive reasons,

Nissan is not yet announcing launch dates for the new Titan. But apparently engineering prototypes powered by the Cummins engine are already undergoing extensive public-highway performance and durability testing.

If you see a current Titan pulling a train or something similar, it's probably testing one of those Cummins engines. Industry analysts predict the North American "light duty" pickup wars will soon be full of diesel-equipped competitors. About time…

## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
As Mars moves into the dynamic sign of Leo today, your energy and confidence will surge. Yes, all things are possible but that does not mean you have to try to do it all at the same time.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You should make an effort to convince loved ones that you are still on their side. Why might they doubt you? Because you have been strangely uncommunicative of late.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Don't stop to analyze your motives: act while the passion is hot. One bold move could be all it takes today to start the ball rolling in your favour again.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
There are major opportunities heading your way but are you in the right frame of mind to take advantage of them? Take an hour out of your busy schedule today to get your head back in the right place.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
The world needs people who are willing to take a risk and with Mars moving into your sign today, it's you. Don't wait to be told to do what you feel is right — self-belief is all the permission you need.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Although the Sun and Mercury are boosting your confidence in a big way, other influences suggest you may have to be on your guard for secret enemies over the next few days. You can't be too careful.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Others may be raving about a new fad but you have your doubts it is as good as they think it is. Don't be afraid to take an opposing view. Your judgment is sound.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
You seem even more ambitious than usual now and you will certainly not be inclined to settle for second best. You may have to fight it out with an equally ambitious rival but it will be a one-sided battle.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
The next few days will see a big change in the way you look at an event. You will begin to realize that you have only part of the story and the missing parts are of huge significance.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
It may seem as if you are out of touch with the feelings of those around you but that's OK. You are who you are and don't have to act in ways that don't come naturally to you.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
You are in the middle of a creative phase and anything of an artistic nature will go well for you over the next few days. This is an especially good time to learn a new skill. What do you dream of doing?

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Tough decisions must be made and you must expect some people to be less than happy with what you decide. That's too bad. If they had acted sooner, it would not be down to you to put things right. SALLY BROMPTON

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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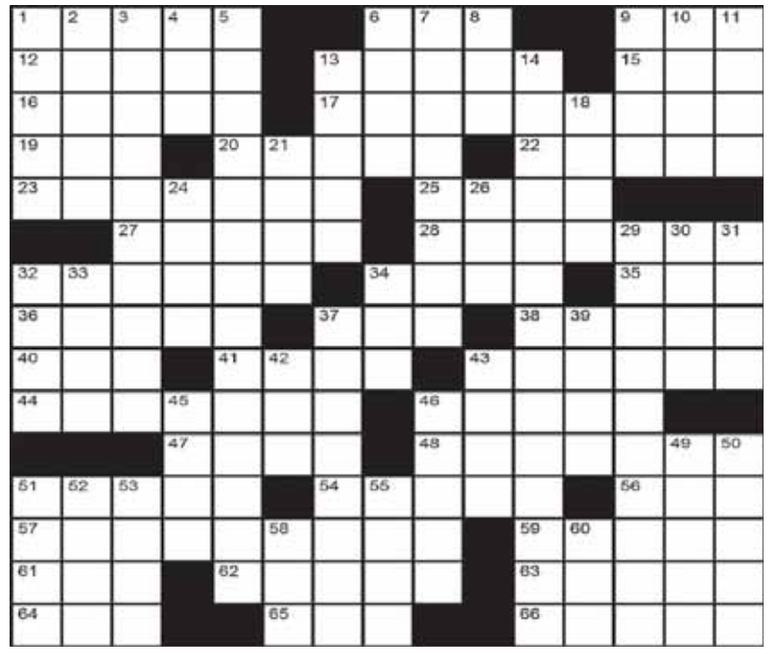

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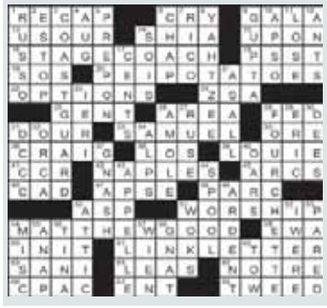
1. Weightlifter's pride
6. US speed meas.
9. Mr. Tolkien
12. Originated
13. 1988 Summer Olympics locale
15. Farm song vowels
16. Sub instrument
17. Turntable artists, e.g.: 2 wds.
19. Bill [abbr.]
20. Menu clickees
22. Leaf's lines
23. Derelict building, perhaps
25. Froster
27. Connecting points
28. '60s song: "__ and Clover"
32. Detect
34. Move like a hummingbird
35. Green Day drummer, __ Cool
36. Corn chip bag's one-of-some
37. Actress Charlotte
38. Nancy of "Entertainment Tonight"
40. Virgo's predecessor
41. Storage space
43. Fawn
44. Gave to charity
46. Birth a bovine
47. Enthusiastic, __ ho
48. Finds one's positioning
51. Cook, this way
54. Larks about
56. Small photograph
57. National symbol: 2 wds.
59. Laura Branigan hit that goes "God how I love you so.": 2 wds.
61. Paranormal power, briefly
62. Fatty, as some meat
63. Metal bar
64. 'Govern' suffix (Jane Eyre's job)
65. Outs opposites
66. Wedding cake layers

**Down**
1. Jazz great, Count __ (b.1904 - d.1984)
2. Tale's twist
3. Metro Toronto __ Centre
4. Conductor, __-Pekka Salonen
5. Historical reenactment garbs: 2 wds.
6. Chow __
7. Freezie alternative
8. "I dunno?"
9. "Return of the __" (1983)
10. Dutch artist, Rembrandt van __
11. Supreme singer Diana
13. Some footwear
14. 1) Stay-after-the-reno 2) Sell-and-go ...choices for homeowners on this Canadian series: 5 wds.
18. Salon style, shortly
21. First Nation of Manitoba
24. And __ goes (Thusly): 2 wds.
26. Heartfelt protest, __ de coeur
29. Ed Robertson's co-songwriter on many hits: 2 wds.
30. Heraldic wreath
31. Foster flick
32. St. John's locale, for short
33. Common crossword cookie
34. Trend
37. Handyman character played by Canadian comedian Steve Smith: 2 wds.
39. Peace bird
42. Egg layer
43. "The World According to __" (1982)
45. "Tutti Frutti" bit: Got _ __ named Daisy..."
46. Snug
49. Indian Ocean arm, __ Sea
50. Mary, Queen of __
51. Captain Hook's sidekick
52. Itar-__ (Russian news agency)
53. Actor, Omar __
55. Feedbag bits
58. Him, in Paris
60. Pasta names suffix

## Yesterday's Crossword



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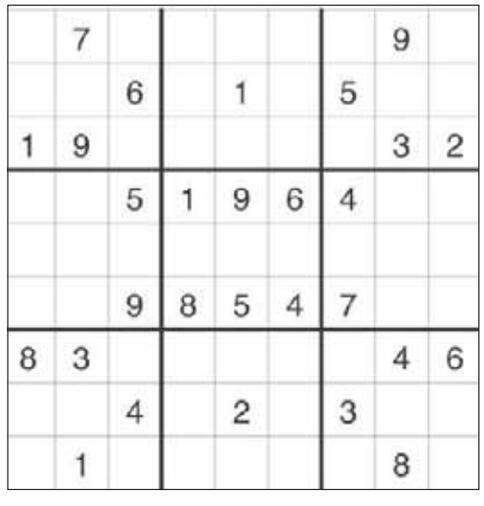

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| 4 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 9 |

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